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SUBJECT: SPD AND DGB PARTICIPATION IN
THE SOVIET WORLD PEACE CONGRESS

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1. AFTER A LONG DISCUSSION FOLLOWING THE RETURN OF SPD BUNDESTAG FLOOR LEADER HERBERT WEHNER FROM MOSCOW, THE SPD RESPONDED TO A PETITION FROM THE SPD YOUTH ORGANIZATION JUSOS TO PERMIT A LARGE JUSO DELEGATION TO ATTEND THE SOVIET WORLD PEACE CONGRESS WITH A COMPROMISE SOLUTION TO SEND AN OBSERVER GROUP INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN HANS-JUERGEN WISCHNEWSKI AND RHINELAND PALATINATE SPD LEADER WILHELM DROESCHER, JUSO CHAIRMAN WOLFGANG ROTH AND ANOTHER JUSO REPRESENTATIVE. THIS OBSERVER DELEGATION HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSIONS OR TO
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CONVERSATION WITH THE EMBASSY'S LABOR ATTACHE, THE SPD INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR DINGELS STRESSED THAT THIS MOVE DID NOT REPRESENT A CHANGE IN LONG-STANDING SPD POLICY AGAINST SPD PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST-SPONSORED MEETINGS BUT RATHER A SPECIFIC AND LIMITED RESPONSE TO A JUSO PETITION UNDER THE CONTROL OF RELIABLE PARTY LEADERS.

2. DGB SOURCES AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF CO-OP, EUROPE'S LARGEST COOPERATIVE ORGANIZATION, ALSO RECEIVED SOVIET INVITATIONS TO ATTEND THE SOVIET WORLD PEACE CONFERENCE. RECENTLY THE DGB AND CO-OP REPRESENTATIVES INFORMED THE EMBASSY'S LABOR ATTACHE THAT THEY WOULD NOT SEND OFFICIAL DELEGATIONS.

3. COMMENT: APPARENTLY THE SPD ACCOMMODATED STRONG PRESSURE FROM THE JUSOS BY SENDING THIS DELEGATION AS OBSERVERS. THIS DEVELOPMENT APPARENTLY SUPERCEDES PREVIOUS INDICATIONS THAT THE SPD WOULD NOT RPT NOT SEND ANY REPRESENTATIVES TO THE WORLD PEACE CONGRESS (SEE REFTEL).
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